



*Left and Facing Page:* ISF (po-  
lice) and Marines man security  
positions side by side at the  
Fallujah CMOC.





*“If they consider you a brother, what you say holds a lot more credence than if they just consider you somebody that’s working with them.”*

GySgt Robert M. Freeman









*Above and Facing  
Page:* Marines inspect  
construction of a new  
Iraqi police station in  
Fallujah.





*Above:* Police man security positions alongside Marines at “Blackwater Bridge,” on the Euphrates in Fallujah.



*“It’s like growing a tree. It takes awhile, and while the tree is very young, you can kick it over or pull it up...but if you support it and you keep watering it...it grows and it’s stronger. Then, you can’t knock it over. We’re guiding them, we’re supporting them, we’re watering them every day. And they’re getting stronger every day and before long, they’re gonna be strong enough that they’re not gonna get blown over or pulled out by the roots.”*

Maj Howard F. Hall, G-4 Advisor to an ISF Brigade